



Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



2022-1480
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5945 SR 48, Clearcreek
Township, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Danielle Deatherage (W), Reil Becker (W)
Date of Activity: 07/13/2022
Activity Location: Warren County Sheriffs Office – Business – 822 Memorial Drive,
Lebanon, OH 45036, Warren County
Author: SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

Narrative:

On July 13, 2022, at 0016 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents (SA) Perry Roeser and Kenny Smith met with Warren County Deputy Sheriff Danielle Deatherage and Reil Becker regarding their involvement with the Officer Involved Critical Incident under investigation from 5948 N SR 48 Lebanon, Ohio. The interview with the deputies occurred in a conference room within the Warren County Sheriff's Office. The homeowner of the address mentioned above, Mark Evers, shot Clearcreek Township Police Officer Eric Ney (Ney) in the head while investigating a domestic violence situation.

Becker said she had been in law enforcement for ten years, and Deatherage explained she had six years of law enforcement with Warren County.

Becker explained she was the field training officer for Deatherage, who recently was moved from the jail division to uniform patrol. Becker said they were both in cruiser #83126 when the call aired over the radio of shots fired and an officer down. Becker said they self-assigned themselves to the call at the onboard computer when the call was aired. Becker said it took them only about six minutes to arrive on the scene. Becker said there were individuals at the front gate entrance when they arrived. Once at the primary location, they parked near a barn, grabbed a medical bag from the cruiser, and assisted Ney with care. Becker said when they approached Ney, his partner, Nicole, was attempting medical care. Deatherage said Ney was on his back when they approached. In the same general area as Ney, Becker mentioned that Evers was on the ground unconscious. Becker said another officer removed a gun from near Evers' body and stayed on cover over Evers until the scene was safe.

The deputies were asked what they did for Ney. Becker said they took his uniform shirt and vest off and checked for wounds. Deatherage said she saw an entry point on Ney's cheek area, and they applied gauze pressure to the injuries. Deatherage said Nicole took custody of Ney's

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firearm. At one point, Ney became conscious when Care Flight landed next to the pond on the property and asked what was happening. Soon after, Ney was intubated and unconscious.

Becker said after Ney was flown out of the area, they were ordered to pick up Evers' wife and her friend, Megan, at the front gate and await further instructions. The deputies said they had the women positioned at the main house on the property until they were taken to the Warren County Sheriff's Office. The interview concluded at 0027 hours.

The interview between the BCI agents and Deatherage and Becker was audio recorded and can be reviewed for further details. See attachment #1 for a copy of the audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-13 / Danielle Deatherage & Reil Becker Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.